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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SURRENDER : OF THE LICENSE OF :

MARY E. KOHLER, D.M.D.

TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSURE

This matter was opened to the State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of Dr. Kohler's request to voluntarily surrender her licensure privileges. Through counsel, John P. Dizzia, Esq., Dr. Kohler has advised the Board of a medical disability which totally prevents her from practicing dentistry at this time.

The Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT I'S on this 215t day of May, 1999
ORDERED:

1. Mary E. Kohler, D.M.D. is hereby granted leave to voluntarily surrender her licensure privileges effective immediately.

- 2. Mary E. Kohler, D.M.D. shall comply with the directives regarding future activities attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 3. Mary E. Kohler, D.M.D. shall return her original New Jersey license and current biennial registration to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 4. Mary E. Kohler, D.M.D. shall return her original CDS registration to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry.
- 5. Mary E. Kohler, D.M.D. shall immediately advise the DEA of her voluntary surrender of licensure and the entry of the within order.
- 6. The voluntary surrender within is made without prejudice to any future reapplication by Dr. Kohler for resumption of licensure privileges. Prior to any restoration of license Dr. Kohler shall:
 - a. Appear before the Board or a Committee thereof to discuss her readiness to re-enter the practice of dentistry. At that time she shall be prepared to propose her plan for future practice in New Jersey.
 - b. Provide the Board with evidence that she is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that she is not suffering from any impairment or limitation which could affect her practice.
 - c. Provide the Board with reports from each and every medical and/or mental health professional who has

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participated in her care and/or treatment during her period of disability.

- d. Provide the Board with a full account of her conduct during the intermediate period of time from entry into this order until the appearance before the Committee.
- 7. The entry of this order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any alleged violations by Dr. Kohler of any statutes or regulations governing the practice of dentistry in the State of New Jersey or any other violation of law by the Board, the Attorney General or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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Abraham Samansky D.D.S., Board President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent to hereby given to the Board to enter this order.

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Conseited to as to form.

John Dizzia Esq.

DIRECTIVE REGARDING FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF BOARD LICENSEE WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED/ REVOKED AND USE OF THE PROFESSIONAL PREMISES

A practitioner whose license is suspended or revoked or whose surrender of license with or without prejudice has been accepted by the Board shall conduct him/herself as follows.

- 1) Promptly deliver to the Board the original license and current biennial registration and, if authorized to prescribe drugs, the current State and Federal Controlled Dangerous Substances registrations.
- 2) Desist and refrain from the practice of dentistry in any form either as principal or employee of another licensee.
- 3) Inform each patient at the time of any inquiry of the suspended or revoked or retired status of the licensee. When a new licensee is selected by a patient, the disciplined practitioner shall promptly make available the original or a complete copy of the existing patient record to the new licensee, or to the patient if no new licensee is selected. Such delivery of record does not waive any right of the disciplined practitioner to claim compensation earned for prior services lawfully rendered.
- 4) Not occupy, share or use office space in which another licensee practices dentistry.
- 5) Desist and refrain from furnishing professional dental services, giving an opinion as to the practice of dentistry or its application, or any advice with relation thereto; and from holding him/herself out to the public as being entitled to practice dentistry or in any way assuming to be a practicing professional or assuming, using or advertising in relation thereto in any other language or in such a manner as to convey to the public the impression that such person is a legal practitioner or authorized to practice dentistry. This prohibition includes refraining during the period of suspension or revocation from placement of any advertisement or professional listing in any advertising medium suggesting eligibility for practice or good standing.
- 6) Cease to use any stationery whereon such person's name appears as a dentist in practice. If the practitioner was formerly authorized to issue written prescriptions for medication or treatment, such prescription pads shall be destroyed if the license was revoked. If the license was suspended, the prescriptions shall be destroyed or shall be stored in a secure location to prevent theft or any use whatever writted in a secure a Board Order authorizing use by the practitioner. Similarly, medications possessed for office use shall be lawfully disposed

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of, transferred or safeguarded.

- 7) Not share in any fee for dental services performed by any other licensee following the suspension, revocation or surrender of license, but the practitioner may be compensated for the reasonable value of the services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on the patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the suspension, revocation or surrender.
- 8) Use of the professional premises. The disciplined licensee may allow another licensee to use the office premises formerly occupied by the disciplined licensee on the following conditions only:
- (a) The new licensee shall conduct the practice in every respect as his/her own practice including billings, claim forms, insurance provider numbers, telephone numbers, etc.
- (b) The disciplined licensee may accept no portion of the fees for professional services rendered by the new licensee, whether by percentage of revenue, per capita patient, or by any other device or design, however denominated. The disciplined licensee may, however, contract for or accept payment from the new license for rent (not exceeding fair market value) of the premises and either dispose of or store the dental material and equipment, but in no event shall the disciplined licensee, on the basis of a lease or any other agreement for compensation place in the possession of any operator, assistant or other agent such dental material and equipment, except by a chattel mortgage.
- (c) No use of name of disciplined licensee or personally owned office name or tax- or provider identification number.
 - Where the disciplined licensee was using an individual IRS number or where the licensee was the sole member of an incorporated professional association or a corporation, the disciplined. licensee may contract to rent the office premises to a new practitioner. The new practitioner must use his/her own name and own provider number on all bills and insurance claim forms. Neither the name nor the number of the disciplined licensee may be used. When the license of a sole practitioner has been revoked, a trade name must be cancelled and a professional service corporation must be discolved.
 - 2. Where the disciplined licensee is a

member of a professional group which uses a group-type name such as the ABC Dental Group, disciplined licensee must arrange to have his/her name deleted, covered up or otherwise obliterated on all office signs, advertisements published by the group after the effective date of the Board disciplinary Order and on all printed billings and stationery. The other group members may continue to function under the incorporated or trade name, minus the name of the disciplined licensee, and may continue to use its corporate or professional identification number.

- (9) Report promptly to the Board compliance with each directive requiring moneys to be reimbursed to patients or to other persons or third party payors or to any court, and regarding supervisory reports or other special conditions of the Order.
- (10) A practitioner whose license is surrendered, revoked or actively suspended for one year or more shall conduct him/herself as follows:
- 1) Promptly require the publishers of any professional directory and any other professional list in which such licensee's name is known by the disciplined licensee to appear, to remove any listing indicating that the practitioner is a licensee of the Board in good standing.
- 2) Promptly require any and all telephone companies to remove the practitioner's listing in any telephone directory indicating that such practitioner is a practicing professional.
- Board disciplinary Order shall, within 90 days after the effective date of the Board Order, file with the Executive Director of the Board a detailed affidavit specifying by correlatively lettered and numbered paragraphs how such person has fully complied with this directive. The affidavit shall also set forth the residence or other address and telephone number to which communications may be directed to such person. Any change in the residence, address or telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Executive Director.